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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

Letter from Senator Bumpers to
Vice President Mondale

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1. Senator Bumpers might beard you with a request that he has levied on Vice President Mondale to obtain a compartmented clearance for his S.Res.4 staffer, Leonard Parkinson. A copy of the letter to Vice President Mondale is attached.

2. I have discussed the matter with Bill Smith on Vice President Mondale's staff and advised him to suggest to Bumpers that he deal directly with us on this issue. This is a case analogous to that of Senator Morgan's for his S.Res. 4 staffer, John Stirk. The answer to the Senator's request is that under our current guidelines we cannot and will not grant his man a compartmented clearance. You should know that Senators Byrd and Baker for the Senate Leadership have agreed to our guidelines which read essentially as follows: We will not grant compartmented clearances to personal staffers of U.S. Senators. Only regular committee staff members of standing Senate committees with intelligence oversight jurisdiction and a need-to-know will be cleared.

3. The fact of the matter is that we can brief Senator Bumpers' staffer through the Secret level on anything that he may need to know. Senator Bumpers can be briefed personally on the remaining five percent. If we accede to Senator Bumpers' request it will play havoc with the stance we are taking with Senator Morgan for which we have already paid a price in popularity. The problem with both Morgan and Bumpers is that the S.Res. 4 staffers they have hired possessed compartmented clearances in previous incarnations.

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4. We never promised you a rose garden, Frank, but help us hold the line, please.

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Frederick P. Hitz

Attachments

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